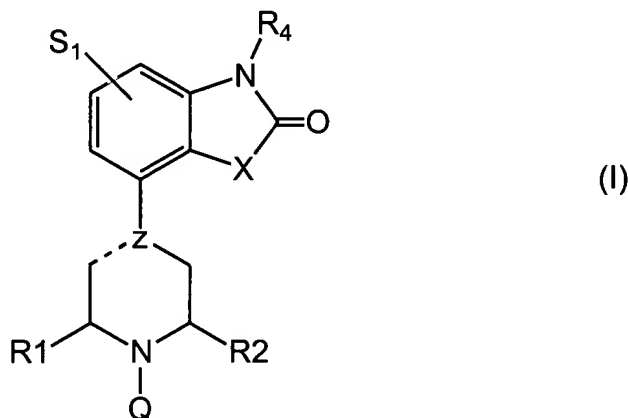


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ A compound having formula (I)



wherein

- S₁ is hydrogen, halogen, alkyl (1-3C), CN, CF₃, OCF₃, SCF₃, alkoxy (1-3C), amino or mono- or dialkyl (1-3C) substituted amino, or hydroxy,
- X represents NR₃, S, CH₂ or O, SO or SO₂, wherein R₃ is H or alkyl (1-3C),
- ...Z represents =C or -N,
- R₁ and R₂ independently represent H or alkyl (1-3C), ~~or R₁ and R₂ together can form a bridge of 2 or 3 C atoms,~~
- R₄ is hydrogen or alkyl (1-3C),
- Q is methyl, ethyl, ethyl substituted with one or more fluorine atoms, or cyclopropylmethyl optionally substituted with one or more fluorine atoms, with the proviso that when S₁, R₁, R₂ and R₄ are hydrogen, ...Z is =C and Q is ethyl, X cannot represent CH₂,

and salts and prodrugs thereof,

wherein the prodrugs are chosen from compounds having the formula (I) in which N-R₄ is an amidine, enamine, Mannich base, hydroxy-methylene derivative, O-(acyloxymethylene carbamate) derivative, carbamate, or enaminone.

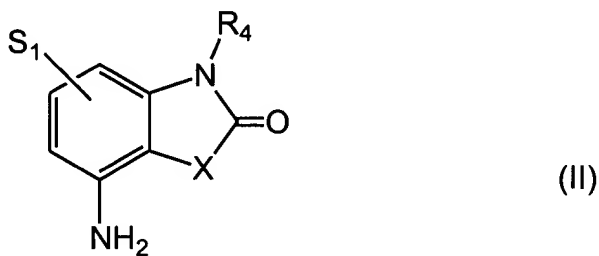
2. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein S₁, R₁, R₂ and R₄ are hydrogen, X represents oxygen, Q is methyl or ethyl and ...Z has the meaning given in claim 1.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Compounds~~ The compound as claimed in claim 2, whereinZ represents -N.

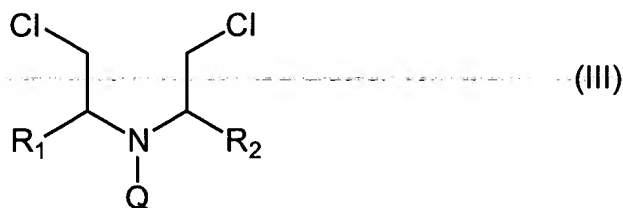
4. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The compound as claimed in claim 3 wherein Q is methyl.

5. (Currently Amended) Method for the preparation of ~~the compounds~~ a compound as claimed in claim 1 ~~by~~ comprising reacting a compound having formula (I) wherein Q is hydrogen, with a compound of the formula Q-Hal wherein Q is methyl, ~~or (optionally fluorinated)~~ optionally fluorinated ethyl, ~~(optionally fluorinated)~~ or optionally fluorinated cyclopropylmethyl, and Hal is halogen, to yield the compound as claimed in claim 1.

6. (Currently Amended) Method for the ~~preparation~~ preparation of ~~compounds~~ a compound having formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 wherein ...Z represents -N by comprising reacting a compound having formula (II) [(.)]

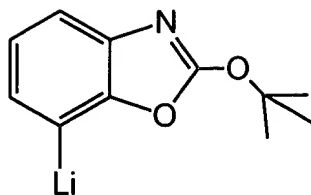


with a compound having formula (III)



in which formulae the symbols have the meanings given in claim 1,
to yield the compound having formula (I).

7. (Currently Amended) Method for the preparation of ~~compounds~~ a compound having formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 whereinZ represents =C, by comprising reacting a compound having formula (IV)



(IV)

with a piperidone derivative which is optionally R₁ and/or R₂ substituted, and carries a group Q, followed by dehydration and deprotection, to yield the compound having formula (I).

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Pharmaceutical compositions~~ A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of ~~which contain~~ at least one compound having formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 as an active component.

9. (Currently Amended) Method of preparing a pharmaceutical composition, ~~characterized in that a~~ comprising bringing at least one compound having formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 is brought into a form suitable for administration to an animal patient.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of treating at least one CNS disorders disorder, ~~characterized in that a~~ comprising administering at least one compound having formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 is used to an animal patient in need thereof in an amount effective for said treating, wherein the at least one CNS disorder is chosen from anxiety disorders, generalized anxiety, panic, obsessive compulsive disorder, depression, autism, schizophrenia, Parkinson's disease, and disturbances of cognition and memory.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of treating anxiety, ~~and/or~~ depression, or a combination of anxiety and depression, characterized in that a comprising administering at least one compound having formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 is used to an animal patient in need thereof in an amount effective for said treating.

12. (New) The compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein S₁, R₁, R₂ and R₄ are hydrogen, X represents oxygen, Q is methyl, ethyl, or cyclopropylmethyl.

13. (New) The compound as claimed in claim 12, wherein Q is methyl.